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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BURUNDI AND SOUTH KOREA

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1. WHILE PROTESTING TO PRIME MINISTER NZAMBIMANA SOME ANTI-AMERICAN REMARKS IN RELATION TO KOREA THAT A SENIOR BURUNDIAN OFFICIAL MADE JANUARY 31 DURING A MEETING HERE TO ESTABLISH A NEW PRO-PYONGYANG COMMITTEE (REFTEL B), I INFORMED NZAMBIMANA OF THE RECENT SOUTH KOREAN EFFORT IN KINSHASA TO GET A VISA TO COME TO BUJUMBURA TO TRY TO START A DIALOGUE. I NOTED THAT EX-PRESIDENT MICOMBERO HAD SEVERAL TIMES EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ME TO TALK TO A SOUTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE WHO SHOWED SOME INTEREST IN BURUNDI, AND I WONDERED WHETHER THIS WOULD ALSO BE THE POLICY OF THE NEW BAGAZA REGIME.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER COMMENTED THAT BURUNDI HAD PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA WHICH IT HAD NO REASON TO DISTURB.
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I REPLIED THAT MANY COUNTRIES HAD GOOD TIES TO BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, SUCH AS ZAIRE. WOULD BURUNDI BE READY NOW TO GRANT A VISA TO A SOUTH KOREAN DIPLOMAT FROM KINSHASA, OR WOULD IT PREFER TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS IN SOME THIRD CAPITAL? NZAMBIMANA IMPLIED LATTER MIGHT BE BETTER COURSE, BUT THEN ADDED THAT THIS WAS REALLY A QUESTION FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND HE WOULD TURN IT OVER TO THEM. I REJOINED THAT I HOPED

THE MATTER WOULD NOT DIE AT THE MINISTRY AND SAID I WOULD FOLLOW UP.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MY MEETING WITH NZAMBIMANA WAS MAINLY FOR QUITE OTHER REASONS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN COMMITTEE GAVE ME A GOOD CHANCE TO BRING OUR INTEREST IN KOREA AND SOUTH KOREA'S POSSIBLE INITIATIVE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE TOP LEVELS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. IN CASE THE ROK IS STILL PONDERING ITS NEXT STEP, AS DISCUSSED REFTEL A, IT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT A NEW BURUNDI AMBASSADOR, GERARD WAKARERWA, IS NOW IN PARIS AWAITING CHANCE TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS. WAKARERWA IS AN UNUSUALLY BRIGHT, OPEN, AND WELL-INFORMED YOUNG BURUNDIAN DIPLOMAT, WHO WOULD PROBABLY GIVE A HEARING TO ANY SOUTH KOREAN VISITOR AND WHO WOULD SURELY REPORT IT BACK TO BUJUMBURA.
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